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Classroom Activities

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Earthquake aftermath in Japan (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Earthquake aftermath in Japan'.

Answer questions 1-15.

1. What was unusual about a video broadcast on Japanese television of 16th March?

2. Name the islands that make up Japan.

3. What magnitude was the earthquake and what was significant about its size?

4. Why do you think earthquakes are frequent in Japan?

5. Where was the epicentre of the earthquake?

6. What is the capital of Japan?

7. What causes tsunamis and how are they formed?

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8. Give reasons why tsunamis can be so destructive.

9. What is the population of Japan, and why are some areas so densely populated?

10. What does the word tsunami mean and why was it given this name?

11. List some of the precautions taken against tsunamis in Japan.

12. What happened at the Fukushima nuclear power plant?

13. What did officials do to protect people from possible radiation leaks?

14. Who is the prime minister of Japan?

15. How have the people of Japan showed 'remarkable stoicism', according to outside observers?

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Warning of civil war in Yemen (Page 10)

Instructions: Read the article 'Warning of civil war in Yemen'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Ali Abdullah Saleh is the President of Yemen.		
2. Sanaa is the capital of Oman.		
3. Unlike Egypt and Tunisia, there have been no demonstrations in Yemen.		
4. President Saleh has agreed to resign.		
5. The protesters have complained about a lack of jobs.		
6. The army is united in Yemen in its support of President Saleh.		
7. President Saleh has agreed to all the protesters' demands.		
8. President Saleh is an enemy of the USA.		
9. Al-Qaeda has been using Yemen as a base.		
10. President Saleh has agreed not to stand in the next presidential election.		

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No-fly zone enforced (Page 14)**Instructions:** Read the article 'No-fly zone enforced'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. 15.

2. Q. _____

A. 1973.

3. Q. _____

A. Benghazi.

4. Q. _____

A. Colonel Gaddafi.

5. Q. _____

A. Tripoli.

6. Q. _____

A. Rebels.

7. Q. _____

A. Support a no-fly zone, but do not want foreign troops in Libya.

8. Q. _____

A. 22.

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Italy's 150th birthday (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Italy's 150th birthday'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Capital of Italy

Papal States

Vote in which all adults can take part

Giuseppe Verdi

Head of state in Italy

Rome

First king of Italy

Abdication

Controlled by Roman Catholic Church

Giuseppe Garibaldi

Italian composer

Victor Emmanuel the Second

National hero

Referendum

Resignation of a king

President

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Instructions: Read the article 'Nuclear power' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

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Outside forces enter Bahrain (Page 10)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Outside forces enter Bahrain'.

Answer questions 1-6.

1. What does GCC stand for?

2. List the member countries of the GCC. What do they have in common?

3. For what reasons do the demonstrators say they are protesting?

4. List some of the other Arab countries in which protests have recently taken place.

5. Give one reason why the Bahraini authorities and other GCC members may have decided to use force to break up the demonstrations.

6. Why do you think the authorities in Bahrain decided to knock down the memorial in Pearl Square?

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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. HAIRB E AN

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2. LAPANE

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3. MERDBANK

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4. ZENCARF

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5. NYMBARGE

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6. STAIRWULAA

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7. PLIMPIPSHINE

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8. IYPEG

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Mystery country =

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Issue 141 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 141. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Clover

Naked Neck

Thresher sharks

Lhasa

Knut

Perigee

Earthquake

Russia

Elephant

Pearl Square

Penny Black

Matriarch

Super Moon

Kangaroo

Wrasses

Giuseppe Verdi

Berlin Zoo

~~Comic Relief~~

Subduction zone

~~Red Nose Day~~

Turken

Marsupial

Shamrock

Tibet

Bahrain

Stamp

Kopeks

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 141 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 141 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **What is the number of the United Nations (UN) resolution that authorised a no-fly zone over Libya?**
 - a. 1396
 - b. 1529
 - c. 1634
 - d. 1973
 - e. 1865
2. **In which European country is Giuseppe Garibaldi a national hero?**
 - a. Italy
 - b. France
 - c. Albania
 - d. Greece
 - e. Switzerland
3. **Which of the following countries is not a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council?**
 - a. Qatar
 - b. Saudi Arabia
 - c. Yemen
 - d. Kuwait
 - e. Oman
4. **Which is the closest planet to the Sun?**
 - a. Mars
 - b. Jupiter
 - c. Mercury
 - d. Venus
 - e. Saturn
5. **Of the following terms, which describes the system of government in Nepal?**
 - a. Absolute monarchy
 - b. Communist state
 - c. Dictatorship
 - d. Republic
 - e. Constitutional monarchy
6. **Which Arab country recently held a referendum on its constitution?**
 - a. UAE
 - b. Libya
 - c. Yemen
 - d. Egypt
 - e. Bahrain
7. **How many countries are members of the United Nations (UN) Security Council?**
 - a. 10
 - b. 15
 - c. 20
 - d. 25
 - e. 30
8. **Which of the following islands is not part of Japan?**
 - a. Taiwan
 - b. Honshu
 - c. Hokkaido
 - d. Kyushu
 - e. Shikoku
9. **Of which country is Tibet a part?**
 - a. Nepal
 - b. China
 - c. Bhutan
 - d. Afghanistan
 - e. Mongolia
10. **What connects Bahrain and Saudi Arabia?**
 - a. Tunnel
 - b. Causeway
 - c. Bridge
 - d. Railway line
 - e. Ferry Service